

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

TO:

Honorable Chairwoman Sally A. Heyman

DATE:

and Members, Public Safety and Animal Services

Committee

June 12, 2013

FROM: Christopher Agrippa

Division Chief, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT:

Approval of Commission

Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Public Safety and Animal Services Committee:

May 15, 2013

CA/msy Attachment



CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

Stephen P. Clark Government Center 111 N.W. 1st Street Miami, FL 33128

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety & Animal Services Committee

Sally A. Heyman (4) Chair; Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. (13) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), and Audrey M. Edmonson (3)

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A.

Members Absent:

None.

Members Late:

None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 **MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

Report:

Mary Smith-York, Commission Reporter

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INVOCATION AS PROVIDED IN RULE 5.05 **1A**

(G)

Report:

The Public Safety and Animal Services Committee

convened in a moment of silence, followed by the

Pledge of Allegiance.

1B ROLL CALL

Report:

In addition to the members of the Committee, the following staff members were present: Deputy Mayor Genaro Iglesias; Assistant County Attorneys Gerald Sanchez & Alex Bokor; and Deputy Clerks Cynthia White and Mary Smith-York.

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez requested that the following items be added to today's agenda: Agenda Items 1F1 Supplement, 1F2 Supplement, and 1F3 Supplement.

Hearing no objections, it was moved by Commissioner Bovo that today's agenda be accepted as amended with the requested changes. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 3-0 (Commissioner Barreiro was absent).

1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1D SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 9:00 AM)

1D1

130850 Service Awards

Rebeca Sosa

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

Presented

MARYDELL GUEVARA - CORRECTIONS - 30 YEARS SIMON WATERMAN - CORRECTIONS - 30 YEARS DARLENE A. WELLS DAVIS - CORRECTIONS - 30 YEARS

1E <u>DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>

1E1

130648 Discussion Item

Sally A. Heyman

UPDATE ON THE NEW CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

Presented

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing discussion item into the record.

Mr. Lester Sola, Internal Services Department Director provided a brief summary on the status of the construction of the Children's Justice Center. He noted the County Commission approved the scope of work and the nearly four-acre site for the facility in 2001. Mr. Sola announced that the facility would be a 14-Floor structure, consisting of 18 courtrooms and over 300,000 square feet usable space versus the former building that was built in the 1970s with only ten courtrooms. He stated that the budget for this project was approximately \$140 million, that construction was 74 percent completed with full completion anticipated by the end of this year (2013); and that full utilization and a grand opening ceremony would occur in 2014. Mr. Sola advised that the building would continue to build to the Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Silver Certification and staff believed that this project was on schedule and well within its budget.

Ms. Sandra Lonergan, Trial Court Administrator, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, appeared before the Committee and, on behalf of Chief Judge, expressed appreciation for the continuous support and partnership between the County and the Courts. She noted the Courts were extremely happy about the establishment of a courthouse dedicated to children and their families that would convey a message to the community that children and families were special. Ms. Lonergan noted this new courthouse would house all of the agencies needed to provide wraparound services to children, including Drug Court Mediation, Court Care, Clerk of Courts, State Attorney, Police Department, Department of Children and Families, Department of Juvenile Justice, Miami-Dade County Department of Corrections. Dade County Public Schools, and others. She described the process of assigning and allocating judges to the new courthouse which was designed to provide a more unified service operation.

Commissioner Heyman noted the County Commission looked forward to working with the County's Third Chief Justice relative to the opening of the new Children's, Courthouse Center.

Commissioner Edmonson requested a report on the status of the Caleb Center Courthouse and Garage project.

Mr. Lester Sola, Internal Services Department Director, stated he would be happy to meet with Commissioner Edmonson later to review and discuss the details of the project. He noted the situation was one where in comparison to the Children's Courthouse Children's Center, the Caleb Center Courthouse Parking Garage and renovation of some of the existing floors at the Caleb Center. Mr. Sola explained that the bids received were significantly higher than the estimated amount budgeted for that project, the lowest bid being around \$28 million range with the amount budgeted being \$21 million. He stated negotiations with the apparent low bidder had been ongoing for quite some time and advised that ultimately a funding gap would exist. Mr. Sola stated discussions with the Office of Management and Budget and the Mayor's Office to develop and deliver a project to that facility.

Commissioner Edmonson suggested that the additional courtroom that was recently added at considerable costs be removed to allow the project to move forward. She further noted that her district office was located on the top floor of the Caleb Center and that the building needed to be renovated, adding that more leaks were discovered in the conference room.

Mr. Sola noted one of the options staff considered was whether the monies could be reallocated in order to refurbish the entire tower. He stated that refurbishment of only a portion of the tower was budgeted in the \$21 million; however, he noted staff was looking to completely modernize the entire tower to include courtrooms within the existing tower. Additionally, Mr. Sola noted another option being considered was to build the garage and refurbish the courtrooms within the tower.

Commissioner Edmonson expressed concern with the changes described by Mr. Sola and stated it was commonplace for promises made to the community to not be fulfilled due to a shortage of funds. She stated she would like to see the courthouse, garage and renovations of the Caleb Center Tower project completed.

Mr. Sola noted he understood Commissioner Edmonson's request.

In response to Chairwoman Heyman's inquiry as to what period in 2014 the Children's Courthouse would be completed, Mr. Sola noted construction would be completed between October and December, 2013, and move-in and follow-up would occur in 2014.

Chairwoman Heyman recognized Commissioner Barreiro and recalled his efforts, while serving in the State Legislature, to secure funds for a children's courthouse and justice center in Miami-Dade County. 1E2

130908 Discussion Item

Sally A. Heyman

UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS THE COUNTY IS MAKING ON THE "RED LIGHT CAMERA" PROGRAM

Presented

Report:

Deputy Mayor Genaro Iglesias provided a brief overview of the status of the County's progress regarding the Red Light Camera Program, stating that the original Request for Proposals (RFP) needed to be updated pursuant to State legislation passed since the RFP was drafted in 2011. He noted more recent market data was needed pertaining to new contracts issued since the original RFP and advised that this would take approximately three to four months to complete.

Chairwoman Heyman noted the County would delay giving its jurisdiction on roads to the municipalities, adding that this was a safety issue and noted the fatalities at intersections as documented by the Police Department. She noted research needed to be done to determine every area where the cameras were located and using what would be best for the County, including no citations for right turns on red.

In response to Chairwoman Heyman's request that the Commission be provided information in advance concerning cities that were asking to take over the County's jurisdiction, Deputy Mayor Iglesias noted he would meet with the Public Works and Solid Waste Management Department which issued any permits for red light camera installations. He added that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) had adopted a resolution providing that no citations would be issued for right turns on red.

Commissioner Bovo expressed his interest in the decreased amount of time the yellow caution lights remained on and noted he would provide a document to Committee members regarding that issue.

In response to Commissioner Bovo's request for a report regarding traffic lights being manipulated to remain red for a period, Deputy Mayor Iglesias advised that this information was available, adding that timed sequencing and delays were currently imbedded in the traffic signal's program components. He noted he would provide that information to the Committee members.

1F PUBLIC HEARINGS

1F1

130308 Ordinance

Barbara J. Jordan,

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Rebeca Sosa ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ANIMALS; CREATING REGULATIONS FOR GUARD DOGS; CREATING SECTION 5-13.1 AND AMENDING SECTION 8CC-10 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR ENFORCEMENT BY CIVIL PENALTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.

Chairwoman Heyman opened the public hearing calling for persons wishing to be heard, and the following individuals appeared:

Ms. Ileana Ariola (phonetic), 800 NW 13 Ave, Miami, appeared before the Committee and spoke in support of defending guard dogs, stating that whether guard dogs were large or small, they would protect and save lives.

Seeing no other persons to appear, Chairwoman Heyman closed the public hearing.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

1F1 SUPP.

130949 Supplement

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ANIMALS; CREATING REGULATIONS FOR GUARD DOGS; CREATING SECTION 5-13.1 AND AMENDING SECTION 8CC-10 OF THE CODE Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Bovo, Jr.
Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 4-0

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130571 Ordinance

Barbara J. Jordan

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 211.1(BB) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO REQUIRE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO COMPLETE ETHICS COURSE WITHIN SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Amended

Report:

(SEE AGENDA ITEM 1F2 AMENDED; LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 131085.)

1F2 AMENDED

131085 Ordinance

Barbara J. Jordan

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 211.1(BB) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO REQUIRE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO COMPLETE ETHICS COURSE WITHIN SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 130571)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Bovo, Jr.
Seconder: Barreiro
Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record. He advised that a request was made that this ordinance be amended on Handwritten Page 4, Subsection BB, to insert the language "for employees" after the first use of the phrase "Ethics Course."

Chairwoman Heyman opened the public hearing calling for persons wishing to be heard, and seeing no one to appear, closed the public hearing.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

The Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed ordinance to the BCC with a favorable recommendation with Committee amendment(s) on Handwritten Page 4, Subsection bb, to insert the language "for employees" after the first use of the phrase "Ethics Course."

1F2 SUPP.

130947 Supplement

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE RELATING TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)
Mover: Bovo, Jr.
Seconder: Barreiro
Vote: 4-0

Report:

(SEE REPORT UNDER AGENDA ITEM 1F2 AMENDED; LEGISLATIVE FILE NO. 131085.)

1F3

130434 Ordinance

Dennis C. Moss,

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A.

Heyman, Rebeca Sosa
ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING
DEFINITION OF ACTS DEEMED CRUELTY TO
ANIMALS; INCREASING PENALTIES FOR CRUELTY TO

ANIMALS; INCREASING PENALTIES FOR CRUELTY TO HORSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-4 AND 8CC-10 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR ENFORCEMENT BY CIVIL PENALTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Edmonson Seconder: Bovo, Jr. Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.

Chairwoman Heyman opened the public hearing calling for persons wishing to be heard, and seeing no one to appear, closed the public hearing.

Commissioners Edmonson and Bovo asked to be added as co-sponsors to the foregoing proposed ordinance.

Chairwoman Heyman expressed her personal appreciation to the County's legal staff, who along with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) secured a lease agreement for \$1.00 per year on more than 20 acres in South Miami-Dade. She noted this property would serve as a safe haven for large animals, particularly horses.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

1F3 SUPP.

130960 Supplement

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING DEFINITION OF ACTS DEEMED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS; INCREASING PENALTIES FOR CRUELTY TO HORSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-4 AND 8CC-10 OF THE CODE Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Edmonson Seconder: Bovo, Jr.

Vote: 4-0

1F4

130411 Ordinance

Rebeca Sosa

ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS; AMENDING SECTION 2-1072 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS; AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST TO IMPOSE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTION 2-11.1(CC)(1) OF THE CODE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.

Chairwoman Heyman opened the public hearing calling for persons wishing to be heard, and seeing no one to appear, closed the public hearing.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

130717 Resolution

Lynda Bell

RESOLUTION CREATING TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO HELP MITIGATE AND AVOID SQUATTING WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Bovo, Jr.
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

2B

130719 Resolution

Lynda Bell

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON STRATEGIES TO FACILITATE COORDINATION BETWEEN POLICE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO DEVELOP PROPOSED AGREEMENTS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADDRESS SQUATTING IN PRIVATE PROPERTIES

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Bovo, Jr.
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

130785 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION RATIFYING LETTER AGREEMENT WITH OFFICE OF CRIMINAL CONFLICT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO COUNTY E-NOTIFY SYSTEM (Information Technology Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

3B

130897 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S EXPENSES INCURRED DURING JOINT TASK FORCE WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE ACTION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, RENEWALS, AND EXTENSIONS, TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS AND TERMINATION CLAUSES CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3C

130753 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN (CEMP); AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE SAME FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, AND TO FILE AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS UNTIL APPLICABLE FLORIDA STATUTES CHANGE (Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3D

130747 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR INFORMATION SHARING THROUGH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER AGENCIES AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL LEVEL; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS, RENEWALS, EXTENSIONS, CONTINUATIONS, MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Bovo, Jr.
Seconder: Edmonson
Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3E

130748 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE ACTION TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, RENEWALS, AND EXTENSIONS, TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS AND TERMINATION CLAUSES CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3F

130752 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE MIAMIDADE POLICE DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,380,000.00 (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) Director J.D. Patterson asked that the foregoing proposed resolution be waived to the May 21, 2013 County Commission Meeting.

Chairwoman Heyman announced that Miami-Dade County planned to sponsor a countywide gun buyback initiative on a date to be determined. She stated Director Patterson and his team would coordinate this was a collaborative effort with the municipal members of the Dade Police Chiefs Association.

In response to Commissioner Edmonson's comment regarding her office being told that a Gun Buyback Program was ineffective and concern with \$30,000 now being allocated for such a program, Mr. Patterson explained the difference between a Gun Bounty Program and a Gun Buyback Program.

Chairwoman Heyman asked Assistant County Attorney Sanchez to prepare the appropriate memorandum requesting Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairwoman Sosa to waive the Board's Rules and Procedures to allow the foregoing proposed resolution to be heard at the BCC Regular Meeting scheduled for May 21, 2013.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3G

130889 Resolution

Sally A. Heyman

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS ON TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BETWEEN THE STATE ATTORNEY, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$285,000.00 IN REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, RENEWALS, AND EXTENSIONS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS AND TERMINATION CLAUSES CONTAINED THEREIN (Miami-Dade Police Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Chairwoman Heyman explained the purpose of the foregoing proposed resolution.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

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130924 Resolution

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ASD) REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ATTAINING A NO KILL SHELTER (Animal Services) Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Edmonson
Seconder: Barreiro
Vote: 3-1
No: Bovo, Jr.

Report:

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

It was moved by Commissioner Edmonson that the foregoing proposed resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with a favorable recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bovo, for discussion.

Chairwoman Heyman provided a brief overview of the reason this resolution was before the committee and recognized the Mr. Alex Munoz, Animal Services Department Director, to give a report on the department's recommendations for establishing a No Kill Shelter.

Mr. Alex Munoz, Animal Services Department (ASD) Director, noted this was in response to the straw ballot regarding revenue for saving animals and reducing the stray animal population through sterilization. He clarified that the terms of the "No Kill" ordinance provided that 90 percent of the animals would be saved, since some would not survive due to illness or injury. Mr. Munoz expressed his appreciation to members of the Pets Trust, Inc. and the Humane Society for input, which was included in this report. He announced the save rate had reached 80 percent for dogs and 68 percent for cats, which was 28 percent a year and a half ago. Mr. Munoz presented a video of a rescued dog whose owner was located via microchip, a slideshow illustrating the statistics of rescue partnerships, and a news clip portraying the transporting of 91 stray cats to North Carolina, to be picked up by representatives from Maryland animal shelters and transported to Maryland in an effort to save them. He noted the department, in conjunction with community partners, had hosted some major events and presented a video regarding the "Adopt-a-Mania" pet adoption event at the Marlins Stadium. He noted the ASD would be working with community partners and rescue groups, including the Humane Society, the Pets Trust, and the

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Veterinarian Association. Additionally, Mr. Munoz advised that there would be an Advisory Board, established through a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Heyman, would provide guidance for this process.

Discussion ensued between Commissioner Bovo and Mr. Munoz regarding the language in the ballot question providing the actual cost taxpayers would be paying; the location of the question regarding increasing taxes on the ballot; the cost to the County to spay and neuter each animal; whether the majority of animals spayed/neutered were strays; and whether compliance with this ordinance required construction of new shelters. Mr. Munoz stated that one of the recommendations in his report was to provide spay/neuter clinics, adding that the Veterinarian Association had offered to be part of the solution. He explained that if the County needed to build clinics, the resources would be generated from this same revenue source; no new funding would be required.

In response to Commissioner Bovo's inquiry as to whether alternatives to increasing taxes to fulfill the "No Kill" initiative had been considered, Mr. Munoz noted the activities highlighted today were alternative measures; however, he did not believe the increasing success rates could be achieved without the additional tax revenues.

Commissioner Barreiro asked the Animal Services Department Director, Alex Munoz, to provide him with the costs the County paid to veterinary clinics to perform spay and neuter surgeries on animals.

Mr. Munoz advised that written in the plan were specific instructions that the ASD must work with private veterinarians.

Chairwoman Heyman commented that every step of this initiative had been and continues to be an inclusive process working with all groups making it a public/private process. She noted research was done to identify additional approaches to supplement what was already being done, in terms of financial resources.

Following further discussion on the issue, the Committee proceeded to vote.

4 COUNTY MAYOR

5 COUNTY ATTORNEY

6 CLERK OF THE BOARD

6A

130851 Report

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MEETING MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 10, 2013 PUBLIC SAFETY AND ANIMAL

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

Approved Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 4-0

Report:

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee

proceeded to vote on the foregoing report, as

presented.

7 REPORTS

7A

130756 Report

CITIZENS' RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT ANNUAL REPORT - CALENDAR YEAR 2012 (Mayor)

Report Received Mover: Bovo, Jr. Seconder: Edmonson Vote: 4-0

Report:

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report, as

presented.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report:

There being no further business to come before the Public Safety & Animal Services Committee, the

meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.